

HOE TONGA WINTER SERIES – RACE 2 21 June 2026, Ngāti Toa Domain, Porirua.



RACE RECAP: Epic Day of Racing at Mana! 🌊🚣

Huge shoutout to everyone who carved up the water on Sunday 21 June 2026 for our latest winter series event! Hosted by Mana Pasifika OCC down at Ngāti Toa Domain, we had an awesome turnout of 28 W6 and W12 waka ready to battle the elements. First up, a massive thank you to Ngāti Toa iwi for hosting us and allowing us to race in their beautiful rohe.

MAKING THE CALL: Weather & Conditions

Mother Nature threw a bit of a tantrum early on! The open ocean was looking way too rough at the start of the morning, so our team made the safe call to shift the first race inside. Luckily, things settled down later in the day, giving our experienced crews the green light to head out into the wild blue yonder.

RESULTS 🏆

Race 1: 8km Pauatahanui Harbour Blast

Our novices and awesome J16 youth paddlers kept it safe and speedy inside the harbour, showing us that the future of waka ama is in great hands. Massive congrats to the podium finishers:

- 🥇 **1st Place:** Tino Tama O Te Awa J16 Open Men (*Pure energy*)
- 🥈 **2nd Place:** TT41 Silent Running Master Men (*Snuck up from out of nowhere*)
- 🥉 **3rd Place:** Wairuruku Open men (*A crew to look out for in the future*)

Race 2: 17km Open Ocean Grind and Surf

This one was not for the faint-hearted! Advanced crews smashed their way from Mana, out around Toka-a-Papa reef, over to Hongoeka Bay, and back. They were initially met with massive, rolling swells that truly tested everyone's fitness—especially the steerers, who did an incredible job keeping the waka upright and flying!

- 🥇 **1st Place:** Whitireia Toa Open Men (*Experience and grunt winning by a clear margin!*)
- 🥈 **2nd Place:** Team Wairarapa Open Mixed (*Rimene whanau, a team in-sync*)
- 🥉 **3rd Place:** Whairepo Master Mixed (*Nice mix of paddlers from across the globe*)

MASSIVE THANKS TO! 🙌🙌

An event like this takes a village. Mana Pasifika sends a huge virtual high-five to:

- **All the visiting clubs** who brought their crews and positive vibes.
- **Hoe Tonga Waka Ama** for the extra hand behind the scenes.
- **Mana Coastguard** and our legendary safety boat drivers (Kurt, Dave, Matt, Numa, and Lawrence) for keeping eyes on us in those big swells.
- **Our Mana Pasifika OCC volunteers** who worked tirelessly to make the day run like clockwork.

See you all at the next race at Evans Bay, Wellington on 11 July. Hosted by Tai Tonga 41 OCC! 👍

FULL RESULTS: Short Course

Overall Placing	Division	Division Placing	Team	Association	Time
1st	Open Men W6 - 8-9km	1st	Tino Tama O Te Awa (J16 Men)	River City Waka Ama Club	49:09.95
2nd	Master Men W6 - 8-9km	1st	TT41 Silent Running	Tai Tonga 41 Outrigger Canoe Club	49:41.88
3rd	Open Men W6 - 8-9km	2nd	Wairuruku	Otaki Waka Hoe	50:31.68
4th	Open Mixed W12 - 8-9km	1st	Pckc Tukia Squad	Porirua Canoe Kayak Club Inc.	52:18.58
5th	Master Women W6 - 8-9km	1st	Amokura	Hikoikoi Waka Club	52:36.98
6th	Open Women W6 - 8-9km	1st	Mana Awarua	Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club	52:43.28
7th	Open Mixed W6 - 8-9km	1st	TT41 Kawau	Tai Tonga 41 Outrigger Canoe Club	52:59.18
8th	Master Mixed W6 - 8-9km	1st	Mana Wairarapa	Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club	53:59.38
9th	Senior Master Men W6 - 8-9km	1st	Kahotea - 6 Sixties (W12)	Kokiri Marae Tai Patu Waka Ama	54:44.18
10th	Open Mixed W12 - 8-9km	2nd	Pckc Go Get The Jandal (Koros and j16s)	Porirua Canoe Kayak Club Inc.	55:22.28
11th	Open Mixed W6 - 8-9km	2nd	Te Whetu Marama	Ratana Paa Kaihoe Trust	56:14.58
12th	Open Women W6 - 8-9km	2nd	TT41 Kāruhiruhi	Tai Tonga 41 Outrigger Canoe Club	56:52.58
13th	Open Women W6 - 8-9km	3rd	Wairarapa Dragon Boat Club	Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club	57:34.68
14th	Master Mixed W6 - 8-9km	2nd	Kokiri W12	Kokiri Marae Tai Patu Waka Ama	58:56.48
15th	Open Mixed W6 - 8-9km	3rd	Paipai Moana	Hawaikinui Tuarua Waka Ama	60:05.48

FULL RESULTS: Long Course

Overall Placing	Division	Division Placing	Team	Association	Time
1st	Open Men W6 - 16-17km	1st	Whitireia	TOA Waka Ama Club	1:23:03
2nd	Open Mixed W6 - 16-17km	1st	Team Wairarapa	Wairarapa Waka Ama Canoe Club	1:26:48
3rd	Master Men W6 - 16-17km	1st	Whairepo	Tu Nui a Te Ika Outrigger Canoe Club Inc	1:26:59
4th	Open Men W6 - 16-17km	2nd	Haunui-A-Nanaia J16 Men	Wairarapa Waka Ama Canoe Club	1:28:43
5th	Senior Master Men W6 - 16-17km	1st	Mana Menz Matua	Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club	1:29:35
6th	Golden Master Men W6 - 16-17km	1st	Mana Menz Matuatua	Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club	1:30:26
7th	Senior Master Mixed W6 - 16-17km	1st	Mana Mixed Ogs	Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club	1:31:00
8th	Open Mixed W6 - 16-17km	2nd	Tt41 Kererū	Tai Tonga 41 Outrigger Canoe Club	1:34:48
9th	Master Mixed W6 - 16-17km	1st	Taa Uru	Ratana Paa Kaihoe Trust	1:36:59
10th	Senior Master Men W6 - 16-17km	2nd	Matahi	Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Whanganui Waka Ama Club	1:40:31
11th	Open Women W6 - 16-17km	1st	Tt41 Oc Wahine	Tai Tonga 41 Outrigger Canoe Club	1:40:54
12th	Open Women W6 - 16-17km	2nd	Tai Awa Open Women	Tai Awa Waka Ama Manatōpū	1:42:16